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County of Orange**

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**B. Lewis Avera, Jr. is Selected as Orange County's  
2004-2005 Grand Jury Foreperson**

Santa Ana - B. Lewis Avera, Jr., has been selected as the Foreperson for the 2004/2005 Grand Jury which will commence on July 1, 2004 announced Assistant Presiding Judge David T. McEachen.

"Mr. Avera is a multi career professional with a broad spectrum of business, community and leadership experience," said Judge McEachen. "He has demonstrated skill in managing complex issues in large corporate organizations and has served on various community boards and organizations ."

As a commissioned officer in the United States Marine Corp for 20 years, Mr. Avera retired at the rank of Lt. Colonel. He completed two tours of duty in Vietnam, received the Bronze Star Medal and other medals for his outstanding achievements.

Avera has been an Orange County resident for 18 years. He received his juris doctor from the Washington College of Law, American University, a master of business administration from the American University in Washington, D.C., a master's of arts in personnel management from George Washington University, and a bachelor's of science from The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina.

Prior to their impanelment, the incoming 19 Grand Jury Members and first three alternates will participate in a six-day orientation and training program conducted by members of the present Grand Jury and advisors from the offices of the District Attorney and County Counsel. The 2004/2005 Grand Jury will be impaneled at a proceeding to be held in Department C1 of the Orange County Superior Court at the Central Justice Center in Santa Ana, on July 1 at 10:00 a.m.

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